



# Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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## Recycle. Everyday.

### Holiday Recycling Slide Collection Schedule (For County-Provided Collections)

#### Memorial Day

(Monday, May 30, 2011)

If your collection date is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, May 30, 2011	Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Tuesday, May 31, 2011	Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Wednesday, June 1, 2011	Thursday, June 2, 2011
Thursday, June 2, 2011	Friday, June 3, 2011
Friday, June 3, 2011	Saturday, June 4, 2011

Please remember to make sure your recycling containers are placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.

#### DID YOU KNOW?



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television set for three hours. Recycle more now.



### Recycling Awareness Week is May 23 through 27, 2011

The week of May 23 through May 27, 2011 is Recycling Awareness Week in Montgomery County. During this week, the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services recognizes the efforts of schools, residents, multi-family properties, businesses and employees for their contributions to increasing recycling achievement in Montgomery County. How will your community or association recognize Recycling Awareness Week this year?

Through Montgomery County's curbside recycling collection program, over 211,000 single-family households, including townhomes, have the opportunity to recycle a wide range of materials at the curb. Residents living in nearly 700 apartments and condominiums have access to on-site recycling programs provided by their property. And employees working in approximately 35,000 businesses located in the county recycle at work by participating in recycling programs provided by their business or property management company.



Anyone who lives, works, shops and visits Montgomery County must recycle and are provided with the opportunity to do so. Now, each resident and every employee must do their part and recycle everything that can be recycled each and every day. Take some time during Recycling Awareness Week to remind your community members about recycling and the types of materials that can be recycled. Let's recycle more now.



Recycle at home.



Recycle at work.



Recycle at school.



Recycle when shopping.

*Ala Fulets*  
Recycling Coordinator

Recycle More Now

## Spring is Here. It's Time to Grasscycle.

We've seen our share of rain the past few weeks and finally some warmer temperatures have arrived. You've also noticed the grass is getting greener and it won't be long until we start the mowing season. Did you know there is a more environmentally friendly way to do those lawn chores this spring and summer? You'll also reduce the amount of time needed to place grass clippings into reusable containers with a yard trim decal or in paper lawn bags and place them at the curb for recycling collection. What can you do? Its simple, just mow and go.

This is called grasscycling. It simply means that you are recycling your grass clippings by letting the clippings fall directly on the lawn. In just a few days, the clippings disappear, releasing valuable nutrients into the soil. Not only does it reduce the need to use commercial fertilizers, but it reduces the amount of yard trim materials that are collected and processed by the County.



Here are some easy steps to remember:

- Keep the mower blade sharp; sharpen at least once a year
- Mow only when the grass is dry
- Never cut more than one-third the length of the blade of grass
- If you use a landscape contractor, talk to them about grasscycling

## New Locations to Pick-Up Compost Bins



The Division of Solid Waste Services would like to remind you that compost bins are available to Montgomery County residents at no additional charge at 18 locations across the County.

These compost bins are designed to hold yard trim materials such as leaves, plant trimmings, flowers, grass clippings and more. Over time, these organic materials break down and turn into a nutrient-rich compost that can be used and mixed with top soil, potting soil and as a top dressing on lawns.

Compost bins are now available at the following locations:

Whole Foods Market - Rockville (new location)

11355 Woodglen Drive

Rockville, MD 20852

Whole Foods Market - Friendship Heights

4420 Willard Avenue

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

To find a convenient location near you, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim) and click on "Get a Compost Bin." This list includes the address and phone number of the location. Please call ahead to be sure compost bins are in stock.



### Composting Tip:

Keep food out of your compost bin. Food such as meats, fish, bones, dairy products and even vegetable scraps can lead to pests and rodents.

## Upcoming Events and Activities

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services participates in nearly 300 events throughout the year to educate residents and employees about waste reduction, recycling, buying recycled products, grasscycling, composting and more. It's also an opportunity for residents to have any of their solid waste-related questions answered by a staff or recycling program volunteer. Please feel free to post the following events on your website or in your newsletters:



### **MAY 2011**

- ◇ Friday, May 20 -- Bike to Work Day -- Two Locations!!
  - Discovery Plaza (corner of Georgia Ave. and Wayne Ave.), Silver Spring. 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.
  - Regal Theater (199 E. Montgomery Ave.), Rockville. 7 - 9 a.m.
- ◇ Sunday, May 22 -- Paper Shredding/Recycling and Reusable Item Donation Collection Event, Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **JUNE 2011**

- ◇ Monday, June 6 -- Composting Workshop for Seniors, OASIS at Macy's Home Store, 7125 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Visit [www.oasisnet.org](http://www.oasisnet.org) to register. Click on 'Find a Class' then click on 'Washington, DC Area' and search for Class #108.
- ◇ Saturday, June 11 -- NBC4 Paper Shredding/Recycling Event, Montgomery College - Rockville Campus - Parking Lot #13 (corner of Route 355 and Mannakee Street) Rockville. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- ◇ Saturday, June 25 -- Paper Shredding/Recycling and Reusable Item Donation Collection Event, White Oak Middle School, 12201 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Electronics Recycling Collection Events:

The Division of Solid Waste Services will be holding an upcoming electronics recycling collection event in June. This event is open to Montgomery County residents at no additional charge.

- ◇ Sunday, June 5 -- Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Blvd. E., Silver Spring (Note: please use "10001 Colesville Road, Silver Spring" for GPS driving instructions). The collection will take place in a parking lot accessible via northbound Route 29 (Colesville Road) only. Silver Spring. Noon to 4 p.m.



Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) and click on "Calendar of Events and Activities for more information.



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Customer Service: 3-1-1  
(240) 777-0311 (outside Montgomery County)  
(240) 773-3556 (TTY)  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311)

Tours of Recycling Center  
(301) 417-1433

This information is available in an alternate format by  
calling Alan Pultyniewicz at (240) 777-6480.



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## Paper Shredding/Recycling & Donation Drop-off!

**Sunday, May 22, 2011  
10:00am to 2:00pm**

Northwest High School  
13501 Richter Farm Road  
Germantown, Maryland 20874

**Saturday, June 25, 2011  
10:00am to 2:00pm**

White Oak Middle School  
12201 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Activities will occur rain or shine.

- Montgomery County residents only; no businesses permitted.
- Paper Shredding Limit: Five paper grocery bags or small boxes.
- Paper will be shredded on-site.
- Donations: Bring clean, quality clothing, household goods, and small furniture that are in usable condition. Please place loose items in bags or boxes.
- For details, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).



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